

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the proposed amendments to the specification and claims and the remarks presented herein. Entry of the amendment is requested under the provisions of Rule 116 as it puts the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal by removing the 112 rejections.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 31, no other claims having been presented.

With respect to the Examiner's objection to claim 1 as being grammatically incorrect, this has been amended by inserting after "R₁", the word "is" so the claim is now grammatically correct.

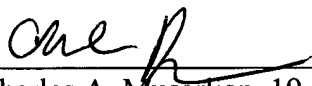
Claims 1 to 31 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has noted that there were two R₆ embodiments in the claim. This has been amended by changing the "1" in the definition of R₃ in Formula V to "R'₆" so there are no longer two definitions for R₆. Therefore, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

All of the claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as lacking support in the definition of R₆ as being drawn to new matter in the range of 2 to 4 carbon atoms. Moreover, the Examiner also requested that a bond be deleted from that of Formula V.

Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection since the amended claims are believed to properly define the invention. Formula V has been amended to delete the extra bond objected to by the Examiner. With respect to support for the definition of R_6 as being 2 to 3 carbon atoms, the Examiner's attention is directed to Figures 2 and 3 which shows that R_1 of Formula V and R_6 consists of an ethyl group (2 carbon atoms) and a propyl group (3 carbon atoms) in Figures 2 and 3, respectively. Moreover, the subject matter of Examples 3, 4 and 5 to 7 also illustrate compounds in this group and is also illustrated in the compounds 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the preferred lipophilic compounds illustrated on pages 11 and 12. This means that the range of 2 and 3 carbon atoms is fully supported by the specification as filed and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the proposed amendments to the specification and claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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